

A Warm Memory in My Childhood



This is a collection of stuffed toys which I have collected over the past eighteen years. I first received my first gift (Winnie) when I was six years old (diagram 1 below). The stuffed toys are made up of ordinary stuffing materials like synthetic fiber batting, wood wool, straw, cotton, beans or plastic pellets (Davies, 2015). They exist in many forms, many at times resembling legendary creatures, cartoon characters, animals or inanimate objects. Their colors depend on the manufacture and the client's color of interest. A person can give orders to the manufacturing company to make him or her stuffed toys of a particular color that suits his or her event (Davies, 2015). For example, plush toys are made from luxurious fabric like teddy bears, and they come in different colors so as satisfy the client's color interest. This discussion will focus on the importance or the reasons as to why I collect the plush toys and the colors I like.



Diagram I

There are many reasons for collecting the plush toys; I collect them because they bring me good memories of my birthdays. I like remembering my birthdays because each time it happens, there must be someone who surprises me with a gift that is worth remembering (plush toys). When I take a look at the toy, I remember of how the people who are close to me wish me good luck and success. That, therefore, motivates me to work even hard and stay focused on accomplishing my goal in life that is a person who will always help in solving the social problems facing the society.

The gifts I receive on, my birthdays I always keep them in my collection cabin (Diagram 2). Inside the cabin, I make sure that each of my collections is maintained according to its group, to prevent confusion and save time in tracking the groups each time I want to use them. My

collection is broad and consists of lots of various objects of different colors, shapes, and texture. Apart from that I also take pictures of my collections and attach them to the wall, each belonging to its group and in the order in which I received them (Diagram 3).



Diagram 2.



Diagram 3.

Another reason why I collect the push toys and other collections are that they enhance my social interactions with my friends, who are also collectors. Here, we can exchange and share our knowledge and skills on how we can become better collectors (Davies, 2015). That helps me attain my satisfaction and therefore reducing my stress.

I believe humans are exceptional in the way we assemble items purely for the pleasure of seeking and possessing them. My yearning to collect only became conceivable when I was six years old. At that age, I was able to keep my first toy, which I now treasure as the basis of my collections. That has given boosted my pleasure including the pride ownership (Kanngiesser et al., 2017). Also, having these collections has widened my interest, and I now understand better why the plush toys are important to many people and which color to give to people on what

occasion. For example, during valentines, a plush toy should contain a touch of a red color and should be an animal that represents love, peace, and protection such as a cat or dog (Diagram 4).



Diagram 4

Another reason that has made me increase my morale of collecting the toys is the competitive challenge, which exists between my friends and me. At least twice every month, we meet and take a look at the collections that each one of us has collected. Whoever becomes top as the one who has collected many plush toys, receives a gift of plush toys from each one of us. That makes them increase their collections. That has made me buy many plush toys from different places like toy stores, airports or even collect the discarded stuffed toys (mostly thrown away by my little nephew). Also at times, I buy them from stores that sell used toys. All this effort is meant to make sure that I emerge a winner so that I can receive the gifts from my friends. These gifts from my friends help in reminding me that I am a winner and that boosts my morale to work extra hard in whatever I do. For instance, last month I received four toys from my friends after I emerged a winner (diagram 5).

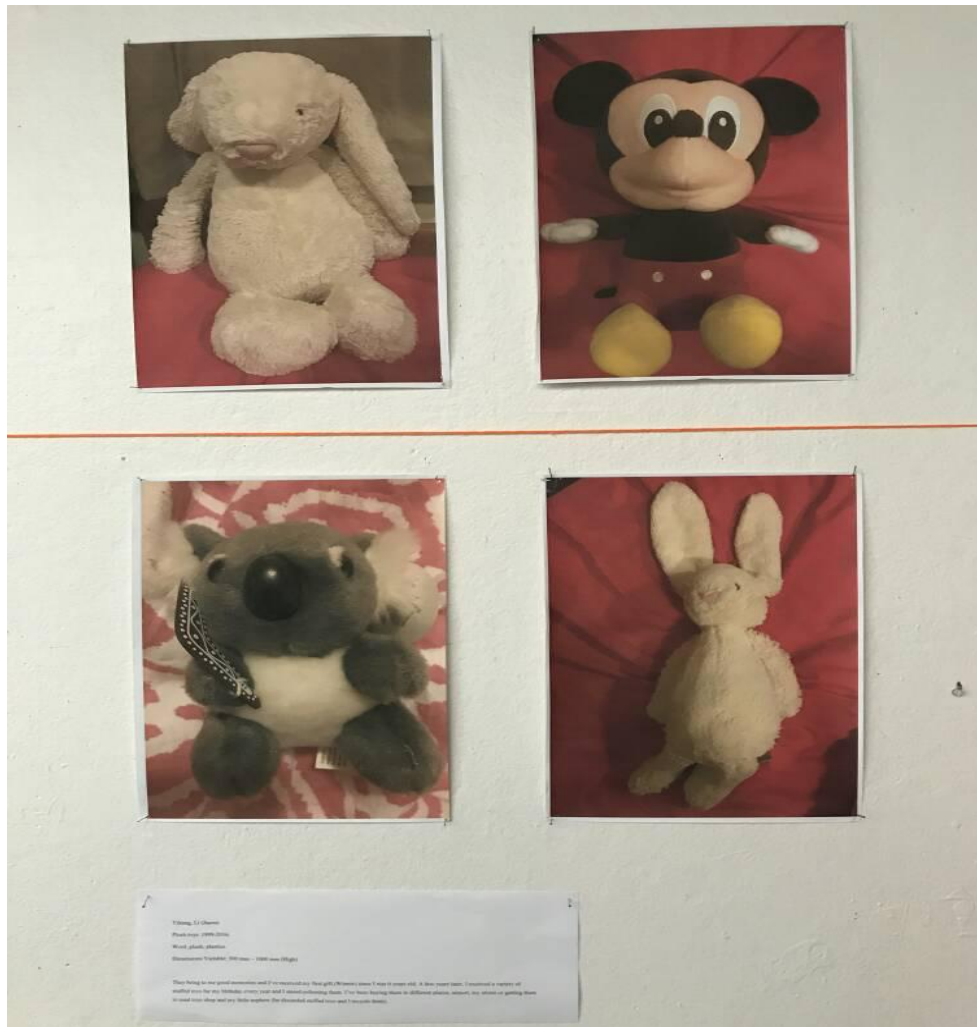


Diagram 5.

Lastly, I collect push toys because through them being able to gain recognition from my parents, fellow collectors, and non-collectors. Through my collection, I have managed to acquire credit in school and even at church. For instance, while at church most parents have approached me, requesting me to train their kids on how to take care of their toys properly. That makes me feel great because that is one way of solving a problem that is facing many parents and therefore helping me learn new skills, which might be useful in the future in assisting me to resolve some of the social problems that people face in the society (Kanngiessie r et al., 2017).

To conclude it is clear that collections have to mean in people's lives. The collections bring up the beautiful memories, which reminds someone that he or she is loved. The groups allow someone to gain recognition in the society and even promotes their social connections. Competitive advantage is also another reason that makes people collect toys to prove that they can collect more toys than their friends or fellow collectors. Storage of toys is also essential because it helps lower the stress levels and makes someone relax. Therefore, it is imperative that people collect and store objects, which can help them remember important and memorable events in their lives because that can bring calmness and satisfaction, which results in the reduction of stress.

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